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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Preliminary to examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, please make the following amendments in the above-identified application in order to place it in condition for examination.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 17 and 18 with the following amended claims:

1 17. (Amended) A felt-covered ball, characterised in that the ball
2 is covered by a needlefelt produced by a method of forming a felt covering for a
3 ball, characterised by the steps of forming a needlefelt comprising an
4 entanglement of fibres produced by needling a fibre batt in a range of angles
5 including a plurality of angles which are non-perpendicular to the surface of the

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